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SUBJ: RESUMPTION DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS: GHANA-CUBA

1. GHANAIAN PRESS MAY 29 REPORTS PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS IN HAVANA BY GHANAIAN AMBASSADOR F.E. BOATEN, MARKING RESUMPTION OF GHANA-CUBA RELATIONS BROKEN IN 1966 AFTER FALL OF NKRUMAH. BOATEN IS GHANAIAN AMBASSADOR TO UNITED NATIONS, JAMAICA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, RESIDENT IN NEW YORK.

2. OTHERWISE RELATIVELY ROUTINE MOVE ENLIVENED BY BOATEN'S SPEECH AT CREDENTIALS CEREMONY, WHICH GIVES FAIR INDICATION PRESENT TENOR GHANA'S INTERNATIONAL STANCE AS IT MOVES MORE CONFIDENTLY INTO RE-ESTABLISHING NONALIGNED POSITION AMONG AFRICAN STATES AND THIRD WORLD. BOATEN CITED COMMON ASPIRATIONS AND IDENTITY OF INTERESTS BETWEEN GHANA AND CUBA IN STATING TWO COUNTRIES MUST WORK TOGETHER TO REMOVE BARRIERS WHICH WORK TO DISADVANTAGE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY. BOATEN SAID THE DAYS WHEN CUBA AND GHANA STOOD SHOULDER TO SHOULDER (E.O., IN NKRUMAH'S TIME) IN THEIR COMMON STRUGGLE AGAINST ALL REACTIONARY FORCES OF IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM AND NEO-COLONIALISM WERE BEING REVIVED, RESTORING

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GHANA TO HER RIGHTFUL PLACE AMONG THE COMITY OF NATIONS. GHANA'S

NATIONAL REDEMPTION COUNCIL, HE SAID, WAS DEDICATED TO TOTAL
ELIMINATION OF EVIL THEORY AND PRACTICE OF COLONIALISM AND
APARTHEID, AND QTE FACED WITH FRUSTRATION AND HUMILIATION WHICH
HAVE BEEN THE MISFORTUNE OF THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, WE SEE IN
SOLIDARITY OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP A FORMABLE BEDROCK TO OUR
STABILITY, DYNAMISM AND PROSPERITY UNQTE.
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